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proposition was first made by Miss Alice C. Fletcher, in a communication addressed to the American Association for the Advancement of Science, at the New York meeting, August, 1887; and Miss Fletcher and Mrs. T. Stevenson were at that meeting appointed a committee to memorialize Congress, and urge necessary legislation.

LINEAGE OF A TRIBE ON VANCOUVER'S ISLAND. — Respecting the Kwats'enok, alluded to on page 62 of the first number of this journal as a tribe of Kwakiutl lineage, Dr. James Deans writes from Victoria, B. C. : —

"This people live on a sound, named from themselves, on the west coast of Vancouver Island. In 1853, when I came to this coast, they seemed to be a distinct people, having characteristics of their own. Their language also was distinct, but then rapidly giving way to that of their neighbors, the Kwakiutl of Fort Rupert. Unlike the tribes on the gold coast, who press their children's heads in a sort of cradle, these Quatsinok (as we spell the name) tied bandages round the heads of their infants, until they assumed the shape of a cone. In 1860 this tribe, all told, numbered about 528. The Hudson Bay Company considered them to be the remains of a once powerful nation. To see these people, and compare them with the pictures in the tablets in ruined Palenque, you would be amazed. The resemblance is so perfect that one cannot help asking where this tribe came from. The person called in the East shaman, or medicine man, is called on this coast doctor. They are the remains of an ancient priesthood. They never cut their hair, but wear it in a knot on top of their heads. To see our doctor, with his conical head and top-knot, one has but to look at the priest (or whatever were his functions) in those ancient tablets."

FOLK-LORE JOTTINGS IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. — A stallion "draws lightning" more readily than any other animal of the horse kind.

It is dangerous to carry meat or fish on or behind a mare heavy with foal. Miscarriage often results.

A hoe or other out-door tool should never be carried into a house. "Bad luck" will follow.

The whippoorwill is first heard every year on the 11th of April. Another account says that he is first heard when "corn is up."

When General Washington was on his death-bed, he rolled his eyes and said, "Forever keep the niggers down." This bit of pseudo-history, passing from generation to generation, is accepted as undoubtedly true by many, if not most, of the colored people over a wide area.

When a dog moves his feet in his sleep, he is measuring the grave of a person who will soon die.

CHARMS FOR YOUNG WOMEN. — Hard-boil an egg. Remove the shell. Divide the egg lengthwise. Remove the two parts of the yolk. Fill each cavity then left with salt. Close the egg as at first, but with the salt in place of the yolk. Put in your mouth at once the entire egg (except the yolk) with the salt inside, and eat it. Then lie down and sleep without speaking